



# PhilaNews

of the Brookfield Philatelic Society

The only  
stamp club in  
the greater  
Danbury, CT  
area

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[www.brookfield.org/general/  
StampClub/index.htm](http://www.brookfield.org/general/StampClub/index.htm)

**Meetings: 2nd Fri. at the Brookfield  
Community Center. Info: 778-2993**

Cancellations on **WLAD**, 800 kc.

Doors open: from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM,

Scheduled Program begins at 8:00 PM,

United Stamp Societies circuit books,

Club Auction and/or Silent Auction.

Scott Catalogues are provided and may  
be borrowed from our lending library.

**The public is always welcome.**

## Philatelic Calendar

### February

- 10 BPS Monthly Meeting,  
Space Stamps w/ Bob Brought
- 10-12 Metropolitan Stamp Show,  
H' day Inn Midtown, NY(pg.5)
- 12 CT Stamp Collecting Festival,  
North Haven, CT (pg. 6)

### March

- 5 Danbury Stamp Show,  
Sheraton Hotel, Danbury, CT
- 10 BPS Monthly Meeting,  
w/Joel Thompson
- 12 CT Stamp Collecting Festival
- 16-19, Postage Stamp Mega Event,  
Madison Sq. Gdn., NYC(Pg. 5)
- 24-26 WESPSEX,  
White Plains County Center,  
White Plains, NY (Pg. 5)

### April

- 2 Danbury Stamp Show,  
Sheraton Hotel, Danbury, CT
- 9 CT Stamp Collecting Festival
- 14 BPS Monthly Meeting

## Annual Holiday Party Ends a Good year

by Alan Vale



**President Joel Thompson presents Honorary Life Membership to Carl Dischner.**

Thirty-two club members and guests gathered at The Hearth restaurant in Brookfield for our annual Holiday Party. As in past years, the food was excellent, the mood festive and everyone had a delightful time.

As the picture above indicates, a Certificate of Honorary Life Membership was presented to Past-President Carl Dischner. Carl and Mary Louise will be leaving the area this spring. We will all miss their friendship and contribution to the club.

Additional photographs will be found on page 4.

### An Album Closed



### Andrew Levitt

**who meant so much  
to our club.**

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## From the Editor—

I must be an eternal optimist, I'm putting this edition together in mid-winter and calling it the Spring 2006 issue. Like many of us, I can't wait for the warmer weather and my annual vacation in Florida. Several of our members winter in the South and I envy them.

Some philatelic news is worth mentioning here. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, February 10. That is also the first day of the Metropolitan Stamp Show in Manhattan. It will end on the 12th, the same day as the Connecticut Stamp Collecting Festival in North Haven.

Beginning in March, the Danbury Stamp Show will be relocated to the Sheraton Hotel at exit 2 of I-84. Barry

Rickert indicates that this will be a permanent change. We'll let you know if he is shutting down for the summer as in the past.

Joel Thompson visited WESPNEK in White Plains in January. He found several other club members there and enjoyed the format. In case you were not aware of it, the show has returned to its old site, the Westchester County Center. You will notice in the Calendar on page 1, that another is scheduled for March.

Also in March, you don't want to miss the Postage Stamp Mega Event at Madison Square Garden. Details on all of these area events are in this newsletter.

Another show that requires mention is Washington 2006, to be held in Washington, DC in May. This show has been held every ten years and this is being billed as the last one. Several members would like to carpool and spend a couple of nights there. The subject will be brought up at the next few meetings.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### *February*

5 — Marty Ford  
15 — Richard Kalnins

### *March*

1 — Joel Thompson  
13 — George Fletcher  
17 — Arnie Neuman  
18 — Gilles Nadeau

### *April*

2 — Jeff Purser  
3 — Uwe Koepke  
15 — Jerry Nindorf

For anyone who was unaware of it, Andrew Levitt passed away recently. For many years he visited our club and gave us a great deal of excess philatelic materials to assist us in our operation.

Have you ever wondered how we have been able to lower the cost of annual dues and cover most of the cost of the annual Holiday party and the Summer Luncheon? Think about it. Mr. Levitt's generosity was responsible for much of our success.

On the last page you will find reference to an upcoming event by Nutmeg Stamp Sales of Danbury. This company has also been very supportive of our club. Thanks to Nutmeg, we have been able to upgrade our Scott catalogues to the 2005 edition. Think of them when you are selling a collection or looking for that "special" stamp. Their catalogs are free, so why not call for one and get on their mailing list.

The December meeting and Club Auction were well attended despite nearly a foot of new snow on the ground. Thanks to Ray Kerchal and Bob Lund, the auction was a lot of fun for everyone there.

If you haven't paid your 2006 dues, see me at the meeting or send me a check for \$8 payable to the BPS. That's my address at the top of the page.

At the February meeting, Bob Brought will speak to us regarding his Space Stamp topical collection. In March, Joel Thompson will discuss what he found in a box of 700 stamps, all of the same design.

That's it for this edition. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Alan

## Meeting Minutes

by Judy Conroy

The meeting on 1/13/06 started at 8:02, 18 people attended. Our Alan won the 50/50. We talked about the Washington, D.C. show and how to get info on it and then who would want to go. Several people are interested. Alan or Joel will talk to George Fletcher about giving a talk on First Day Covers.

The auction lots that didn't make it to the December meeting were auctioned off along with a few other lots. Thanks to the guys who helped again with the auction. I, for one, greatly appreciate all they do.

We all made it home before the rains came. See you all next month.  
Judy

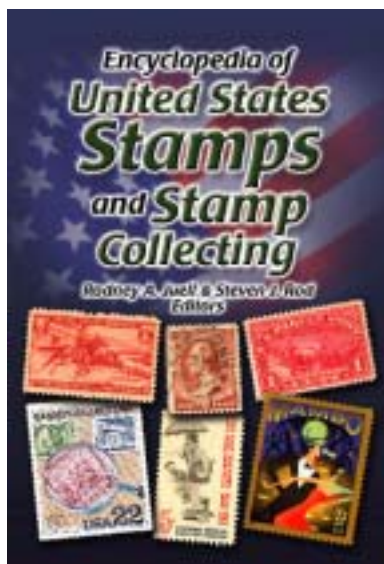
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at the meeting or call  
him at 748-6392

# Want One?



This full-color, 730 page, hardbound book is being made available to us at a discounted price.

Normally \$30, it can be purchased by members of the United States Stamp Society for \$25. Carl Dischner has negotiated this price for all members of the BPS. Please see Carl at the meeting or contact me via telephone, snail mail or e-mail as listed at the top of page 2.

If you would like to read more about the book, here's a link to it:

<http://www.usstamps.org/encyclopedia.html>

The club will be obtaining a copy for our library and it may be borrowed just as our Scott Catalogues are.

According to the United States Stamp Society, the book will be available for pickup at the USSS table at WASHINGTON 2006. Copies not picked up will be mailed in June.

# Holiday Party People



**Vera and Fred Baran  
and  
Joan vale**

**George Fletcher  
and  
Walter Witoski**



**Bill and  
Millie McIlrath**

**Marty and Cindy Cohn  
and  
Jerry Nindorf**





# Philatelic Events

<p><b>New York City</b></p> <p>Fri., Feb. 10, from 12PM - 6PM Sat., Feb. 11, from 10AM - 5PM Sun., Feb. 12, 10AM - 4PM</p> <p><b>METROPOLITAN STAMP SHOW</b></p> <p>Holiday Inn Midtown 440 West 57th St. NYC</p> <p>by Metropolitan Expositions, Inc.</p> <p>ph: 973-263-1000</p> <p>E-mail: info@metroexpos.com website: www.metroexpos.com</p> <p>40 DEALERS</p>	<p><b>New York City</b></p> <p>Thurs., Mar. 16 10AM - 6PM Fri., Mar. 17 10AM - 6PM Sat., Mar. 18 10AM - 6PM Sun., Mar 19 10AM - 4PM</p> <p><b>13th ANNUAL POSTAGE STAMP MEGA EVENT</b></p> <p>Madison Square Garden at the Expo Center 4 Pennsylvania Plaza NYC</p> <p>by ASDA ph: 516-759-7000 FAX: 516-759-7014</p> <p>asda@erols.com www.asdaonline.com</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>White Plains, NY</b></p> <p>Fri., Mar. 24, from 12PM - 7PM Sat., Mar. 25, from 10AM - 7PM Sun., Mar. 26, 10AM - 4PM</p> <p><b>Westchester Stamp, Coin and Paper Money Show</b></p> <p><b>WESPNEX</b></p> <p>At: Westchester County Center Bronx River Parkway and Central Ave. White Plains, NY</p> <p>---</p> <p>Info: Mark Simon</p> <p>Phone: (914) 423-7957</p> <p>Admission - FREE PARKING - \$4</p>
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## Club Activities

February 10, March 10, April 14 — Regular Monthly Meeting

May 27 - June 3 — Washington Philatelic Exhibition

June 9 — Summer Club Auction

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Every Month — USS Circuit Books, Club Stamps, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle,  
Swap Table, Freebie Table, Scott Catalogues which may be borrowed,  
mint US postage sold discount prices.

Quarterly — *PhilaNews*, this publication  
August — Club Luncheon

June and December — Club Auction  
December — Holiday Party

# Philatelic Events

## NEW LOCATION

Sun., March 5  
Sun., April 2  
Sun., May 7

from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

### **DANBURY STAMP SHOW**

at the **Sheraton Danbury Hotel**  
Exit 2 of I-84  
Danbury, CT

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Info: Barry Rickert  
Phone: (203) 792-4659

FREE

Sun., February 12

from 10AM - 4PM

### **CONNECTICUT STAMP COL- LECTING FESTIVAL** in its 32nd year

**North Haven Holiday Inn**  
201 Washington Ave.  
Exit 12 of I-91

By: American Festivals  
Info: Elaine M. Dunn  
(800) 635-3351

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**See you there on**  
**March 10th**